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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yoshitomi NAGAOKA et al.

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For : SIGNAL ENCODING TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, SIGNAL DECODING RECEIVING APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 18 as follows.

Claim 18, line 4, change "any one of claims 1 to 17" to --claim 1, 6, 10 or 14--.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct improper multiple dependencies in claim 18. As so amended, the claims are submitted as appearing in proper multiple dependent form.